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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicant hereby submits a copy the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

(1) German Patent Publication No. DE 29 43 654, dated May 14, 1980, which is  
discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0002] (as numbered in the substitute  
specification);

(2) International Application No. WO 01/43995, published June 21, 2001, which is  
discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0002] (as numbered in the substitute  
specification);

(3) U.S. Patent No. 4,287,924, published September 8, 1981, which is discussed in  
the instant application beginning in paragraph [0002] (as numbered in the substitute  
specification); and

(4) U.S. Patent No. 5,526,862, published June 18, 1996, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0002] (as numbered in the substitute specification).

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report, dated December 15, 2004, conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/051895, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited:

(5) European Patent Application No. EP 0 542 252 A, published May 19, 1993, cited as an "A" category reference (i.e., general state of the art). The Examiner identified column 5 – column 10, the claims and the figures as relevant to claims 1 – 6 of the International Application. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants identify U.S. Patent Nos. 5,526,862 A and 5,413,160 A, which are identified by the Annex to the Search Report as U.S. patent family members of the above-cited European Patent Application;

(6) German Patent Publication No. 197 22 521 A, published December 3, 1998, cited as an "A" category reference (i.e., general state of the art). The Examiner identified claims 1 and 5, and figure 1 as relevant to claims 1 and 4 of the International Application. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants identify U.S. Patent No. 6,044,884 A, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited German Patent; and

(7) U.S. Patent No. 4,287,924, cited above as item (3), cited as an "A" category reference (i.e., general state of the art). The Examiner identified column 2, line 28 – column 4, and the figures as relevant to claims 1 – 6 of the International Application.

The following documents were cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report, conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/051895, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. For the Examiner's convenience, a partial English-language

translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is attached, which provides the Examiner's reasons for citing these documents. In particular, the Examiner cited:

- (8) European Patent Application No. EP 0 542 252 A, cited above as item (5);
- (9) German Patent No. 197 22 521, cited above as item (6); and
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 4,287,924, cited above as item (3).

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

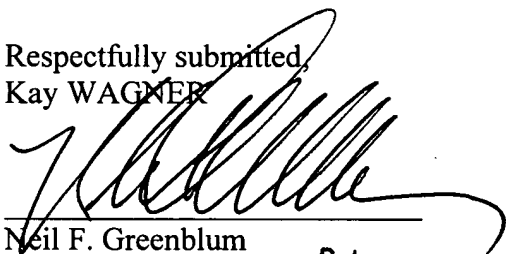
Moreover, copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. Additionally, a partial English-language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, copies of the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report have previously been submitted and are not being submitted herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if a first action on the merits has mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes Commissioner to charge any fees necessary for the consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

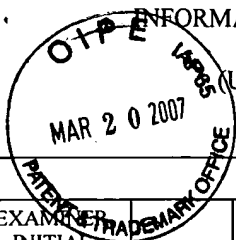
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4 2 8 7 9 2 4	09/08/81	DECK et al.			
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